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2. Applicant claims small entity status.

3. Specification [Total Pages 34]

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- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 1]

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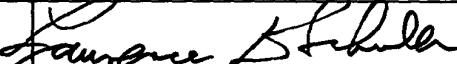
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